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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR(S): Charles Biggs  
APPLICATION NO. 60/260,560  
FILED: January 9, 2001  
TITLE: VEGETABLE-BASED COMPOSITIONS AND  
ARTICLES, AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

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**REQUEST FOR CONVERSION OF PROVISIONAL  
TO NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(c)(3)**

Sir:

Please convert the above-identified provisional application filed on January 9, 2001 to a non-provisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(c)(3). This request is being made prior to the earlier of the abandonment or expiration of twelve months after the filing date of the provisional application.

Attached please find a Preliminary Amendment Making Priority Claim to Prior Provisional Application, which amends the specification to claim priority to a prior provisional application number 60/245,073, filed on November 2, 2000.

Also, attached please find a copy of the above-identified provisional application as filed.

CLAIMS AS FILED				
	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	22 - 20 =	2	\$18	\$ 36.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	\$84	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if applicable			\$280 =	\$ 0.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$ 740.00
Total Fee:				\$ 776.00

## FEE PAYMENT BEING MADE AT THIS TIME

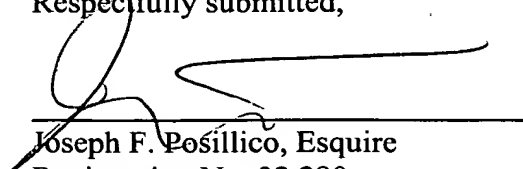
- Filing Fee \$776.00.
- Fee for conversion of a provisional application to a non-provisional application set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) \$130.00.

A check in the amount of \$906.00 to cover the fees associated with conversion from a provisional to a non-provisional application and filing fees is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the accompanying Petition to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached for charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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